



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

26 AUGUST 2021

### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) El Cajon – School District Reports 24 Students Stranded in Afghanistan

(U) The Cajon Valley Union School District said that as many as 24 of its students are stranded in Afghanistan and haven't been able to make it back to the United States. District officials said the students traveled to visit their extended families during summer break and were left without a flight back home following the Taliban's rapid takeover of Kabul. Defense officials said that in the previous 24 hours, 90 US military and other international flights had evacuated 19,000 people, bringing the total evacuation number so far to about 88,000. About 10,000 people remain at the airport.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Times of San Diego](#)

#### (U) Pollock Pines – Looting Suspect Arrested in Caldor Fire Evacuation Area

(U) An alleged looter has been arrested during a patrol of the Caldor Fire evacuation area in El Dorado County. Deputies soon converged on the area and stopped the man. He was found with items that deputies suspected to have been stolen. That man has since been arrested and is now facing charges of looting during a State of Emergency and possession of a controlled substance, among other charges.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

#### (U) Vallejo – Feds Seize \$300,000 From Homicide Victim Through Asset Forfeiture

(U) The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) took \$300,000 in cash that was found in a home tied to a June 2021 homicide victim. In a petition signed by a federal judge, a DEA special agent wrote that the cash was found alongside large amounts of marijuana in a residence believed to be the victim's, located a short distance from where he was killed. The agent cited a federal asset forfeiture law, which allows authorities to seize cash and other items of value believed to be tied to crimes.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Bay Area News Group](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – CBP Finds Over \$16M In Methamphetamine Hidden in Tractor-Trailer

(U) Pharr – The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility seized over \$16 million in methamphetamine. On 20 August, CBP officers encountered a tractor-trailer that they recommended for a secondary inspection after their initial search. Using non-intrusive imaging (NII) equipment officials discovered 1,202.62-pounds of meth hidden within the vehicle, a street value of approximately \$16,836,500. CBP OFO seized the narcotics and the tractor/trailer. The case remains under investigation by agents with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Local 23](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – \$1 Million Batch of Cocaine Washes up on Beach

(U) Boca Raton – A package of cocaine worth about \$1 million dollars turned up on a Boca Raton beach. According to the US Border Patrol, a beachgoer came across the suspicious package and notified

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authorities. The package, which weighed nearly 70-pounds, contained that not-so-rare breed of South Florida beach detritus jokingly referred to by some as square grouper. A byproduct of the maritime drug smuggling trade in the waters around Florida and the Caribbean, it's not uncommon for cube-shaped packages of cocaine to wash up on South Florida's beaches. When Hurricane Dorian skirted Florida in 2019, several batches of the illicit white powder made landfall on beaches up and down the coast.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Sun-Sentinel](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Afghanistan – US Personnel Among Casualties After Explosions at Kabul Airport**

(U) Kabul – Explosions have occurred near the eastern gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul and nearby Baron Hotel known as a staging point for foreign personnel. The events took place as foreign governments continue to evacuate their nationals and approved Afghan citizens from the airport and thousands of Afghan nationals attempting to evacuate the country remain outside the facility's gates amid a deteriorating security environment. Local media reports indicate the blasts was caused by two suicide bombers who detonated their explosives, followed by gunmen that caused multiple injuries and at least six deaths. The Pentagon confirmed a complex coordinated attack occurred at the airport and indicated that least 3 US Marines were among the injured. Earlier in the day, the US, UK and Australian embassies issued warnings advising their citizens to avoid the Abbey Gate, the East Gate and the North Gate of the airport due to a credible threat of a terrorist attack targeting foreign nationals.

SOURCE: 26 August 2021, [USA Today](#)

#### **(U) France – Afghan Detained and Investigated for Possible Taliban Links**

(U) Paris – France has detained an Afghan it helped evacuate from the country as part of an investigation into links with the Taliban. The man is believed to be close to another Afghan evacuee who is suspected of working for the Taliban. Both had been placed under surveillance on their arrival in France, and the man held was detained for violating the terms of this control measure.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [France 24](#)

#### **(U) Niger – Boko Haram Attack Kills 16 Soldiers**

(U) Niamey – Hundreds of Boko Haram militants attacked a military post in southern Niger, killing 16 soldiers and wounding nine more. About 50 of the militants were killed in the resulting combat in the West African country's Diffa region and significant quantities of weapons were recovered. The Boko Haram insurgency broke out in northeastern Nigeria in 2009, but violence frequently spills over into neighboring Chad, Niger, and Cameroon in the Lake Chad Basin. In December 2020, an attack blamed on Boko Haram killed 28 people and burned 800 homes in the Diffa region.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Kill 36 Villagers in Divided Plateau State**

(U) Abuja – Attackers shot dead at least 36 people and destroyed buildings in a night raid on a village near the central Nigerian city of Jos, in an area hit by repeated ethnic clashes. The gunmen went house to house killing residents in Yelwa Zangam. Troops struggled to get to the area as a bridge had been destroyed. Jos is the capital of Plateau State part of Nigeria's so-called Middle Belt which has seen regular fighting between the Hausa-Fulani group, who dominate the whole of northern Nigeria, and a number of much smaller local ethnic groups.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Tanzania – Gunman Kills Four in Attack Near French Embassy**

(U) Dar Es Salaam – A gunman killed three police officers and a private security guard, before being shot dead while holed up in a guardhouse at the French embassy's gate. Police said the attacker had first shot

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two police officers with a pistol at an intersection in the district, which houses a number of diplomatic missions. He took rifles from the fallen police officers and headed on foot to the French embassy a few hundred meters away, firing randomly and occupying the guard house. Six people were injured in addition to the four who were killed.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

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